

With the Editor—

About The Draft And The College And Politics And All The Rest

Now that the draft is passed, the College is relieved of some of the uncertainty which complicated preparations for enrollment this year.

It can now proceed with more certainty along lines which will facilitate national defense. It is now assured that its students will not be called until next July and that its enrollment until that time will not be seriously affected.

But the College has more than manpower to offer the nation. Its manpower is closer to being its least important contribution than to being its most important contribution.

Sturdy young boys who can carry guns and stand the strain of combat are a dime a dozen. Intelligent leaders, intelligent planning, and studied research come high. It is the American colleges—with Penn State high among them—that must furnish these last, more important materials.

The College carries on a vast research program which last year cost about \$700,000. From its petroleum laboratories, its engineering experiment station, its weather bureau, its textile researches, its extensive work with farm crops and farm stock, and its investigations into chemistry will come the methods which will contribute to America's defense.

Politics is in the air and there is the usual talk going around about the horror of it. Some people would even like to see parties done away with—as if they could be!

There is so much about politics that is interesting: For instance, the friendliness of it all. Two years ago in the more suitable capacity of cub reporter, the editor was assigned to cover a campaign talk by Jim Davis, who was driving for (and got) a third term in the senate.

At a country picnic, which was the scene of his principal address, Jim was really doing all right. He was just plain Jim Davis—everybody's friend. He chatted about the crops, led the band while explaining he had played the piccolo as a boy, met every proud father who was pushing forward an even prouder cherry-faced son, waltzed with a ten-year-old maid, bought cokes all around, and really put his heart into the business of having a good time.

In one of these interludes an oldish, flabby and well-to-do Pennsylvania Dutch farmer avalanched himself through the crowd to the senator and swarmed over him like a flock of loving puppies. "Remember me?" he asked Jim Davis.

"I sure do. I'd never forget that face, but . . . I'm blamed if I can recall your name."

"Do you remember old Congressman Menges, Jim?"

"Yes, sir! Now I've got you, Congressman. Yes sreee, now I've . . ."

"No. I'm not him. I'm his friend, Klinedinst, old Postmaster Klinedinst."

Jim got out of that somehow. Politics is cooperative, too. Later that same day Jim Davis gave me a copy of the speech he was going to deliver. He did deliver it too—for five minutes, that is. But then there was a twenty-minute tirade against a democratic skunk who Senator Davis said lived in Harrisburg (which wasn't on the books.) Politics is friendly.

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CAMPUSEER

Good morning. It's a lovely morning. Don't have to dash out and grab any boys for breakfast. Don't have to turn on any personality smile. Don't have to play class Z ping pong to keep the rushees happy. Don't have to keep the hole in the rug hidden. Don't have to laugh at lousy jokes or shake fishy palms (pardon the scales, bud) or ask dull '44 hopefuls what courses they're taking and why it's not Liberal Arts.

What a morning!!

For yesterday that period of high-pressure hell known as rushing season staggered to a close, leaving in its wake shattered nerves, tired bodies, several thousand bad cases of the jitters—and more pledges than have been acquired by Penn State's fraternities since last year.

If you call a porter to carry the bags under my eyes I'll go down to breakfast with you.

Speaking Of Lead Pipes

How come, the Campuseer wants to know, that the college dorms require a one-year contract?

Is or is not the administration in favor of fraternities?

Afterglow

As rushing season fades into the dim past Campy wishes to record a few passing impressions in the annals of—well, just the annals. How about . . .

The way the sigmas put on the dog with a darky briskly outfitted in white duds serving cokes on a tray . . .

the for rent sign the phi moo deltas had out in front of their house all through rushing season . . .

the guy who pledged KDR and went to lunch at a certain nearby house . . .

Sidelights

If this new and different daily rag had a society column we wouldn't be a bit surprised to read a black-bordered item informing the few coltich students who can read that Peg Hafer and Ray Leffler are no longer anticipating wedding bells . . .

don't tell "Genial Joe" Ritenour this one. A frosh asked at student union for some bandage. No soap, but Donovan sent him to the dispensary. Again, no soap!!!

Walt Chase, fiji pledge, will subscribe when he sees this . . .

It seems an ignominious (and unusual) way for a kappa to make this column but Connie Smith fell off her bicycle the other day. Poor thing . . .

Finis

Well, maybe I can sleep the whole thing off. CAMPY.

Campus Calendar—

Today

Freshmen pay fees in the Armory, 9 to 5 p.m.

Sophomore women Collegian candidates meet in Collegian office at 4 p.m.

Players technical staff, Little Theatre, 7 p.m.

College Choir try-outs for girls, Schwab Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Cwen meeting at 6:45 p.m. in WSGA room, White Hall.

Application blanks for the John W. White and Louise Carnegie scholarships are available to interested students at Room 112, Pond Laboratory. This information must be completed and in the hands of the Committee on Acad-

College Choir Try-outs

Try-outs to fill vacancies in the College Choir for girls' voices will be held in Schwab Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight. Freshman girls are eligible to try out.

All other girl members of the Choir from last year are also requested to report.

—BUY COLLEGIAN NOW—

emic Standards by September 27. Penn State membership meeting, 405 Old Main, 8:45 p.m.

Safe Driver Training School classes begin in Room 13, State College High School, at 7 p.m.

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